

Poison Prevention at Home

FACT:

Each year, more than two million accidental poisoning cases are reported, with millions that go unreported. Poisoning affects adults, teens, children, and pets.

TOP 3 Causes of Home Poisonings:

- 1 Personal Care Items
- 2 Cleaning Products
- 3 Medications

To avoid accidental poisonings, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for usage and storage.

1 - Personal Care Items

Perfumes, aftershaves, colognes, and mouthwash all contain alcohol. Alcohol is not meant to be ingested by children. It can cause serious illness and even death.



2 - Cleaning Products

Keep cleaning products in their original containers, and never mix cleaning products together. Keep cleaning supplies (including hand sanitizer), and batteries away from kids/pets.

3 - Medications

Only take medications prescribed to you and do not take more than the recommended amount.

Keep medications out of reach of children and pets. Dispose of them properly. Some pharmacies offer a Drug Take-Back program for a safe way to dispose of unused prescription medications.

Think someone swallowed something harmful?

Need help identifying a pill?

Call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222.

